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SUBJECT: STATUS OF SCED CONFLICT

1. JOLIS TELEPHONED AF/C DIRECTOR BUCHANAN SEPT. 8 TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER CONTINUED FAILURE OF BOKASSA TO RESPOND TO HIS LATEST TELEX MESSAGE PROPOSING TIMES FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING IN BANGUI. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT JOLIS' CONCERN HAS BEEN FED BY REPORTS THAT BOKASSA HAS TRAVELED TO LIBYA AS WELL AS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SCED REP COPPERMAN THAT FIRST ARABIAN CORPORATION HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT TO PROSPECT FOR AND EXPORT DIAMONDS ON SCED'S CONCESSION AREA. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO JOLIS WHETHER FIRST ARABIAN CORPORATION HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO SCED PROPERTIES ON WHICH ARE STORED SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT. COPPERMAN APPARENTLY UNABLE TO VERIFY SITUATION AT ALL OF SCED FACILITIES.
2. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN GENERATE REGARDING POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO JOLIS OFFER TO COME TO BANGUI AND ROLE OF FIRST ARABIAN CORPORATION WOULD BE OF INTEREST. KISSINGER

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